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In re: Application of Ralph L. Jenkins et al.
Title: "VEHICLE WHEEL BALANCE WEIGHTS"
Serial No: 10/724,000 Filed: November 26, 2003
Our Ref: 15923/09078 CIP


Dear Sir:

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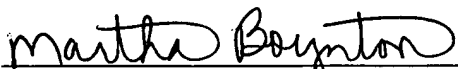
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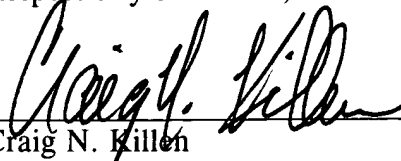
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), applicants submit the following written statement of the reasons presented at the interview of November 14, 2005 as warranting favorable action.

During the interview, the undersigned representative discussed a proposal to amend claims 19 and 25 to include language more clearly distinguishing over the Merriman reference.

Specifically, applicants proposed adding language “said clip securement cavity being seamless at the ends thereof” (a structure which is clearly not shown in Merriman). The Examiner indicated a belief that such a change may amend the claim to a form which would not read on the elected species. While the undersigned respectfully disagrees, a continuation application has been filed to pursue coverage on the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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